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FROM AMB. LEARSON TO SECRETARY

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 9

REF: STATE 196854

1. SUMMARY

THE FOLLOWING IS OUR REVISED RECOMMENDATION ON YOUR SCHEDULED
VISIT TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 13. WE HAVE
SUBSTITUTED A LUNCHEON WITH THE CONFERENCE LEADERS
RATHER THAN WITH THE GROUP OF FIVE TO AVOID PUBLIC PERCEPTION
THAT MAJOR POWERS ARE OUR PRIMARY INTEREST.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 13

9:00 A.M.

ARRIVE LAGUARDIA AIRPORT. MET BY UNDER SECRETARY MAW
AMBASSADOR LEARSON AND MR. OXMAN WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO
ACCOMPANY YOU AND BRIEF YOU ON PROGRAM AND CONFERENCE
STATUS.

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ARRIVE AT USUN MISSION AND MEET WITH AMERICAN DELEGATION

CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 70 MEMBERS FROM GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. A BRIEF UP-DATE OF THE STATUS OF WORK BY EACH COMMITTEE WILL BE GIVEN LEAVING APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES FOR THE SECRETARY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT OF THE DELEGATION AND TO OUTLINE TO THEM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TREATY TO THE US.

10:00 A.M.

BILATERAL WITH LEONOX BALLAH, HEAD, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE GROUP OF 77. THE PURPOSE OF YOUR MEETING WITH BALLAH IS LARGELY POLITICAL. HE IS AN OBVIOUS CONDUIT FOR DELIVERING MESSAGE TO THE REST OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND GOOD PROTECTION FOR OUR INABILITY TO INCLUDE EVERY MEMBER OF THE 77 COUNTRIES ON YOUR FIRST DAY OF BILATERALS.

10:30 A.M.

BILATERAL WITH AUSTRIA. KARL WOLF, ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES WHICH NOW NUMBERS AT LEAST 52 FROM ALL REGIONS. IT IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY "INTEREST" GROUPS IN THE CONFERENCE. THE PURPOSE IN MEETING WITH AUSTRIA IS PRIMARILY POLITICAL. IT ALSO AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO URGE THEM TO MODERATE SOME OF THEIR DEMANDS, WHICH HAVE CAUSED A VERY SHARP REACTION AMONG COASTAL STATES. AT THE SAME TIME IT LEAVES OPEN THE IMPORTANT POSSIBILITY OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GROUP IF THE COASTAL STATES GO TO EXTREMES.

11:00 A.M.

BILATERAL WITH MEXICO. AMBASSADOR JORGE CASTANEDA MEXICO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW AND EXPANDED GROUP OF COASTAL STATES OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE WHICH HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY SAID TO INCLUDE SOME 60 TO 85 STATES.
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(THE GROUP OF FIVE ARE THE ONLY STATES WITH SUBSTANTIAL COAST LINES NOT INCLUDED IN THE COASTAL GROUP.) IN ADDITION, MEXICO HAS AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT AND INFLUENTIAL DELEGATION IN ALL COMMITTEES. THEY HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN AN EXTREMIST POSITION IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE WHICH WE WOULD HOPE TO MODERATE. THUS FAR, THEY ARE STRONG OPPONENTS OF OURS ON THE HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THEY

UNDERSTAND OUR DETERMINATION ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH THEY WILL CONVEY TO THE COASTAL STATE GROUP.

11:30 A.M.

BILATERAL WITH THE USSR. AMBASSADOR SEMYON P. KOZYREV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION AND AMBASSADOR IGOR (. KOLOSOVSKY. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS DESPITE RECENT DIFFICULTIES ON SOME ISSUES. ANY CHANCE OF THE SOVIETS INFLUENCING THE BULGARIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE TO SHIFT IN OUR DIRECTION ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REQUIRES YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION. WE ARE, OF COURSE, AT ODDS WITH THE SOVIETS OVER ISSUES ON QUOTAS ON THE SEABEDS. KOZYREV HAS PROMISED AMBASSADOR LEARSON A THREE WEEK MORATORIUM ON PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE QUOTA ISSUE).

12:00 P.M.

BILATERAL WITH JAPAN. AMBASSADOR MASTO FUKISAKI, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION. THE PURPOSE OF SCHEDULING A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME WITH JAPAN IS TO AVOID POLITICAL CRITICISM IN THE EVENT THE JAPANESE ARE ASKED THAT THEY SAW YOU. THEY WILL DOUBTLESSLY TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR 200-MILE FISHERIES LAW: THE JAPANESE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION LAST WEEK RAN A 1/2 PAGE EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, ALLUDING TO ITS EFFECT ON GENERAL US/JAPANESE RELATIONS AND GENERAL LOS SUCCESS.

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PRESS CONFERENCE. WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE THE US PRESS CORPS AT WHICH YOU WOULD MAKE A 5 MINUTE STATEMENT AND THEN RESPOND TO QUESTIONS.

1:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON WITH CONFERENCE OFFICIALS: MINISTER JENS EVENSEN (NORWAY) (ACTING LOS CONF PRESIDENT); AMBASSADOR BERNARDO ZULETA (UNDER UN SYG), MR. PAUL ENGO (CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE I (CAMEROON)); AMBASSADOR ANDRES AGUILAR (CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE II (VENEZUELA)); AMBASSADOR ALEXANDER YANKOV (CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE III (BULGARIA)); AMBASSADOR ALAN BEESLEY (DRAFTING COMMITTEE (CANADA)); AMBASSADOR KENNETH RATTRAY (RAPPORTEUR (JAMAICA). THIS WOULD AFFORD YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THEM THE STATUS OF THEIR WORK AND

PROBLEMS THEY FACE AND WHAT SUGGESTIONS THEY HAVE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE US DELEGATION. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ENGO, THEY ARE ALL COMPLETELY UP-TO-DATE ON THE PRECISE PROBLEMS THE CONFERENCE FACES AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE VERY USEFUL IDEAS.

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FROM AMB. LEARSON TO SECRETARY

3:15 P.M.

BILATERAL WITH KENYA. MR. FRANCIS XAVIER NJENGA, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION. KENYA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AFRICAN STATES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAS TENDED IN THE PAST TO TAKE GENERALLY MODERATE POSITIONS. WE ARE NOW RUNNING INTO TROUBLE WITH KENYA BOTH ON FIRST COMMITTEE ISSUES AND HAS INDICATED DIRECTLY TO YOU DURING YOUR LAST VISIT TO THE CONFERENCE, ON THE HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. WE BELIEVE KENYA HOLDS ONE OF THE BEST POSSIBILITIES IN AFRICAN GROUP OF CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, BUT THIS MAY REQUIRE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER AFTER YOU SEE THEIR DELEGATION HERE.

3:45 P.M.

INDIA: H.E. MR. H. R. GOKHALE, MINISTER OF LAW,
JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS, CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION;
H.E. MR. S. P. JAGOTA, AMBASSADOR, JOINT SECRETARY AND

LEGAL ADVISOR, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER). INDIA HAS EMERGED AS OUR MOST ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE OPPONENT ON VIRTUALLY ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES. JAGOTA IS SHREWD, AMBITIOUS AND WIDELY RESPECTED. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WAS APPOINTED THIS MORNING AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF A NEW COMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, SUBPLANT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE IN EFFECT. WE WOULD HOPE THAT BY FLATTERING HIM WITH A BILATERAL WE WOULD SOFTEN HIS STRIDENT POSITION. WE ALSO WISH TO LAY FOUNDATION WITH DIRECT APPROACHES BY YOU BY HIGHER LEVEL OF INDIAN OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY BY FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGOTA MEHTA WHO WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH.

4:15 P.M.

BILATERAL WITH EGYPT. H.E. MR. AHMED ESMAT ABDEL MEGUID, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION. THE ARAB GROUP HAS ADOPTED AN EXTREMELY STRIDENT POSITION IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. WE WOULD HOPE TO PERSUADE HER TO TRY AND MODERATE THE ARAB GROUP. IN ADDITION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE EGYPT NOT TO START A MAJOR FIGHT AT THIS CONFERENCE OVER THE SRRAIT OF TIRAN WHICH WOULD WRECK THE CONFERENCE.

4:45 P.M.

BILATERAL WITH PERU. S.E. SR. JUAN MIGUEL BAKULA, AMBASSADOR, MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES (PRESIDENT OF DELEGATION); S.E. SR. ALFONSO ARIAS SCHREIBER, AMBASSADOR, MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES; AND SR. ALVARO DE SOTO, ENCARGADO DE LA DIRECCION DE SOBERANIA MARITIMA DEL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 IN COMMITTEE I, DE SOTO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRY LEADERS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE SECRET BRAZIL GROUP AND MODERATION HAS UNDERMINED HIS POSITION. PERU WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH US TO PROTECT THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT IN COMMITTEE I, AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO GIVE YOU A VERY ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE, PERU IS ONE OF OUR MOST EXTREME OPPONENTS ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. IT IS IMPOR- CONFIDENTIAL

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TANT THAT THEY UNDERSTAND OUR DETERMINATION ON THIS LATTER ISSUE, AND IF THEY DO NOT MUTE THEIR STRIDENCE, THEN ANY ACCOMMODATION OF THEIR COPPER INTEREST BY US IS ENDANGERED.

5:15 P.M.

BILATERAL WITH FRG. MR. ROHWEDDER, STATE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMICS AND H.E. MR. KARL HERMANN KNOKE, AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN OFFICE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION. THE BASIC PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE FRG IS TO REASSURE GERMANY THAT WE WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT IN THE GROUP OF FIVE. WE ALSO WANT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND IN THE PROPOSAL MADE BY FRANCE TO GET A COMMON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY POSITION IN SUPPORT OF DEEP SEABED QUOTAS. IN ADDITION FRANCE IS TRYING TO MANEUVER THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT COASTAL STATE VIEW OF ECONOMIC ZONE. FRG WILL BE OUR BEST ALLY AGAINST THIS DANGEROUS MOVE.

3. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO TIE DOWN THE CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP FOR THE LUNCHEON. THEREFORE, APPROVAL IS NEEDED BY EARLY TUESDAY MORNING.
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